

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-4 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 5-13 are pending. No new matter has been introduced through this Amendment.

Applicants appreciatively note that claims 5-13 are allowed, and claims 1 - 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over JP 200348393 A to Kawasaki, in view of U.S. Patent 5,676,854 to Inui et al. In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claims 1-4 are cancelled. Thus, the rejection of claims 1-4 is moot now.

Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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